

Readoption Review

Immunization of School Children 410 IAC 1-1

IC 4-22-2.5-3.1(c) requires an agency to conduct a review to consider whether there are alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the rule that are less costly or less intrusive, or that would minimize the economic impact of the proposed rule on small business.

Description of Rule:

This rule outlines:

- the immunization requirements for Indiana residents under the age of nineteen
- the requirements for an immunization record
- the guidelines for documenting a child's immunization history
- the reporting requirements to the Indiana Department of Health

Readoption Analysis:

1) Is there a continued need for this rule?

Yes, there is a continued need for this rule. The Indiana Department of Health must report to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the status of immunization coverage rates for certain grade levels as part of the Vaccine for Children (VFC) cooperative agreement. Additionally, there is a state statute requiring IDOH to promulgate rules concerning immunizations, found at IC 20-34-4-2.

2) What is the nature of any complaints or comments received from the public, including small business, concerning the rule or the implementation of the rule by the agency?

School nurses are the only entity that ever expresses concern with this rule due to amount of time it takes to examine each record and enter missing information into the immunization information system, CHIRP. As more sophisticated computer systems have been implemented for school health records, the transfer of data and the burden on the school nurses has improved.

3) Examine the complexity of the rule, including difficulties encountered by the agency in administering the rule and small businesses in complying with the rule.

This rule is simply stated and does not create any difficulties in administration.

4) To what extent does the rule overlap, duplicate, or conflict with other federal, state, or local laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances?

This rule does not overlap with other federal, state or local rules. This rule is based on recommendations from the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

5) When was the last time the rule was reviewed under this section or otherwise evaluated by the agency, and the degree to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed in the area affected by this rule since that time?

This rule was updated in 2015. Since that time, great improvements in technology and participation in the state immunization information system, CHIRP, has made compliance with parts of this rule much easier. To date, the immunization information system has record of the following school required immunizations statewide:

- Polio – 91%
- MMR – 95%
- HepB – 95%
- Tdap – 85%
- Varicella – 94%
- MCV4 – 85%
- HepA – 94%

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